



## Quarterly Census of RI Employment & Wages

### *City / Town 2002 – 2003 Comparison*

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Rhode Island total employment (472,558) increased by 4,107 jobs in 2003, an 0.8 percent increase from 2002. Private sector employment accounted for over 89 percent of the employment gain, by adding 3,663 jobs.

The City of Cranston led all of Rhode Island's thirty-nine cities and towns in employment gains, adding 1,371 (+4.8%) workers between 2002 and 2003. The Retail Trade sector in Cranston added 758 (+18%) jobs, offsetting the 495 jobs lost in the City's Manufacturing (-8.6%) sector. Finance & Insurance (+289), Accommodation & Food Services (+277) and Information (+276) also contributed to Cranston's employment growth.

The Manufacturing (+442) and Construction (+141) sectors were the catalyst in West Greenwich, accounting for 80 percent (583) of the 729 jobs created between 2002 and 2003. West Warwick (+676), Warwick (+630) and Middletown (+537) round out the top five cities and towns in employment growth.

The largest employment loss of 381 positions was reported in Pawtucket, followed by Providence, which reported 271 job losses. Manufacturing employment in Providence declined by 1,219 positions while Pawtucket lost 638 workers in the same sector. Central Falls (-246) and East Providence (-214) were the only other communities between 2002 and 2003 to suffer employment losses in excess of a hundred jobs.

Rhode Island workers earned wages in excess of \$17.2 billion in 2003, a 5.6 percent increase from wages paid in 2002. Private sector wages grew in excess of \$787 million (+5.9%), accounting for 86.9 percent of the total wage increase. The average annual Private wage in 2003 was \$34,860, an increase of \$1,634 (+4.9%) from the \$33,226 earned in 2002; the largest percent gain in Private sector wages since 1998.

West Greenwich workers led all cities and town in average annual wage, averaging \$75,893 in 2003. Professional & Technical Services workers averaged \$111,325, followed by employees in the Finance & Insurance sector who averaged \$93,886. The 2003 average annual wage in Portsmouth was 44,512. Manufacturing (\$66,548) and Information (\$62,234) were the town's leading sectors in average annual wage.

Providence (\$40,352), Smithfield (\$36,691) and Johnston (\$36,398), round out the top five cities and towns in average annual wage.

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**Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages - Private Sector**  
**RI City and Town - 2003 Annual Report**

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Establishments</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>	<u>Average Annual Wages</u>
Rhode Island total:	33,812	407,742	\$14,213,661,442	\$34,860
Barrington	420	2,214	\$57,937,280	\$26,169
Bristol	554	6,164	\$175,477,747	\$28,468
Burrillville	266	2,250	\$64,064,710	\$28,473
Central Falls	249	2,656	\$76,181,588	\$28,683
Charlestown	222	1,461	\$44,115,261	\$30,195
Coventry	674	6,303	\$173,634,706	\$27,548
Cranston	2,383	29,787	\$946,411,005	\$31,773
Cumberland	774	7,372	\$220,338,850	\$29,889
East Greenwich	697	5,991	\$217,521,538	\$36,308
East Providence	1,431	20,892	\$734,243,706	\$35,145
Exeter	141	902	\$23,318,092	\$25,852
Foster	95	393	\$8,351,783	\$21,251
Glocester	170	1,027	\$25,280,282	\$24,616
Hopkinton	175	1,158	\$33,800,129	\$29,188
Jamestown	187	958	\$24,682,217	\$25,764
Johnston	1,025	10,452	\$380,428,438	\$36,398
Lincoln	689	11,940	\$447,206,260	\$37,454
Little Compton	125	495	\$11,632,540	\$23,500
Middletown	672	9,843	\$346,469,298	\$35,200
Narragansett	470	3,366	\$79,397,731	\$23,588
Newport	1,232	12,602	\$354,588,262	\$28,137
New Shoreham	189	753	\$19,710,105	\$26,175
North Kingstown	913	11,612	\$414,109,617	\$35,662
North Providence	714	7,828	\$217,804,762	\$27,824
North Smithfield	337	3,729	\$110,118,230	\$29,530
Pawtucket	1,523	25,786	\$873,150,174	\$33,861
Portsmouth	473	5,243	\$233,378,663	\$44,512
Providence	5,544	97,110	\$3,918,602,994	\$40,352
Richmond	119	1,307	\$34,419,178	\$26,334
Scituate	240	1,098	\$29,108,252	\$26,510
Smithfield	734	10,933	\$401,143,379	\$36,691
South Kingstown	924	8,608	\$275,168,704	\$31,967
Tiverton	373	2,076	\$57,088,633	\$27,499
Warren	360	3,949	\$110,406,547	\$27,958
Warwick	3,174	47,108	\$1,477,548,502	\$31,365
Westerly	811	8,848	\$251,869,396	\$28,466
West Greenwich	170	3,274	\$248,474,827	\$75,893
West Warwick	613	8,490	\$276,007,840	\$32,510
Woonsocket	845	13,366	\$460,596,815	\$34,460
Statewide *	3,136	8,404	\$359,873,401	\$42,822

<u>County</u>	<u>Establishments</u>	<u>Average Employment</u>	<u>Total Wages</u>	<u>Average Annual Wages</u>
Bristol	1,368	14,149	\$419,475,122	\$29,647
Kent	5,426	79,115	\$2,733,921,439	\$34,556
Newport	3,149	38,310	\$1,439,626,632	\$37,578
Providence	17,356	286,202	\$10,735,331,949	\$37,510
Washington	4,093	46,085	\$1,501,774,896	\$32,587

\* Statewide - employment in multiple towns, at unknown locations, or outside RI.  
Data compiled May 25, 2004 at the RI DLT Labor Market Information office.  
The data is subject to revisions & variations in sequences of rounding & averaging.